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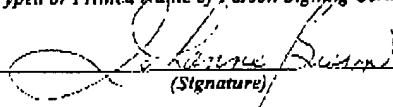
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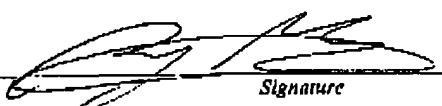
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and re-examine the application in light of the amendments and remarks provided.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.